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SUBJECT: CONDITIONS IN SWAPO CAMP

REF: (A) STATE 93810, (B) LUSAKA 1149, (C) LUSAKA 940
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1. I DISCUSSED CONDITIONS AT MBOROMA CAMP WITH AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO U.S. PUTTEHO NGONDA, WHO CONTINUES IN THE POSITION OF PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. I DESCRIBED THE PROBLEM ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL (A), CASTING OUR INTEREST AS ONE OF SYMPATHETIC CONCERN FOR THE ZAMBIAN PROBLEM.

2. NGONDA ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITUATION AND NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THE SHIPANGA PROBLEM WHEN THE ZAMBIAN COURTS HAD RULED THAT HIS DEPORTATION WAS ILLEGAL (REFTEL D). HE WAS THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM. ZAMBIA'S DIFFICULTY, HE SAID, WAS KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH THESE PEOPLE. IT COULD NOT PROPERLY VET THOSE COMING INTO THE COUNTRY NOR WAS IT IN A POSITION TO SEND THEM ANYWHERE ELSE. NGONDA APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN AND ACCEPTED IT AS GENUINE. I ASKED WHETHER THE UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES REPRESENTATIVE COULD HELP WITH THIS KIND OF SITUATION. HE SAID THAT A NEW COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED IN THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. THE POSITION
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HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN VACANT FOR SOME TIME. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH THE COMMISSIONER WITH A VIEW TO PERHAPS CONSULTING WITH THE UNHCR. HE WOULD DO THIS BEFORE HE LEFT LUSAKA FOR HIS POSITION IN THE U.S.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE PARTICULARLY FORTUITOUS FOR RAISING THIS MATTER IN A WAY WHICH IS MOST

LIKELY TO LEAD TO A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM FROM
THE ZAMBIANS.
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